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UNEASY MUGWUMPS.

In the last issue of *Harpers Weekly* Mr. Mugwump Curtis has an article which shows a good deal of anxiety on his part, as one of the members of the administration, about the probable fate of that "reform" upon which he and his associates transferred their allegiance to the democratic party. Taking for his text the fact that although there has just been a radical and complete change of executive administration in England, there will be no radical change in the civil service, Mr. Curtis puruses a line of argument which is evidently intended either as a reminder to President Cleveland how necessary it is for him to persevere in the civil service reform efforts which the majority have been used in his behalf, or as a reminder to him for having taken so far from his promises as an individual. In other words, as the slave in the old sayings, "Has commemorative quasi or propositio." This reminder is in the nature of the Curtis article, with other details, tell the story of hard times.

Never before was California in such general and severe business distress. The depression following the completion of the Central Pacific railroad twelve years ago, is in some respects comparable with the present situation. That was a mere business fall growing out of conditions which everybody knew were only temporary. Even on the part of those who suffered most, there was no lack of faith in the future. But the present situation is very different. Having regard to the present state of affairs, having regard to the fact that the city is suddenly thrown upon its own resources, which are sadly insufficient for its rank and volume of population.

The replanting of the liberal by the conservative ministry in England, Mr. Curtis says, "will not be followed by any sweeping change in the office. He says: "Collectors, postmasters, and all other offices will continue to discharge their duties unimpaired and unimpeded." Getting down to a personal application, the champion of civil service reform continues: "It is announced from Washington that Attorney General Bassett has consented to make political changes in the personnel of his office. But on the other hand, which is not surprising, or unless it were impossible properly to carry out projected reforms or correctly learn the condition of the department unless such dismissals were made, such a proceeding is an outrage upon common sense and a flagrant abuse of official power. The dismissal of subordinates because they belong to one party, and the appointment of others because they belong to another, is the very evil against which the movement for reform in the civil service is directed."

The mugwumps realize fully and insist that promises for civil service reform on behalf of the administration are being set aside, and that no possible justification can be found for them in the view of facts. It is seen, however, that to disclose the fact that nine-tenths of the changes made under Mr. Cleveland have been purely political—removals of persons because they belonged to one party, and appointment of others because they belonged to the other. Again, it is natural that they should want them—let them take them; but let there be an end of the pretense of "dividing the public service from partisanship" while following the doctrine that to the victors belong the spoils.

A CONTRAST.

"Hard times" seem to be affecting the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis less than most other places. Both show great activity in building and in general business. In St. Paul alone the number of building permits issued during the first six months of the current year was 1,770, against 1,129 for the corresponding portion of last year. The new manufacturing enterprises started in St. Paul from the first of January to the last of June of the present year will afford employment to not less than 3,500 persons. Real estate transfers during these six months aggregate \$7,352,222, against \$4,913,908 for the same period of 1864. The value of grain, trade, deposits and other railroad enterprises in the city the expenditure during the present year will be over \$1,000,000. We have seen no definite figures in regard to the growth of Minneapolis, but from general statements published by the papers of that city it may be inferred that the activity displayed there does not fall behind that of St. Paul.

A good deal of this is due undoubtedly to the rapid development of the great country tributary to these cities; but much of it is due also to the energy and enterprise of their own citizens. Their men of wealth have faith in these and in the country of which they are the great double resource. The men of wealth are to be found in buildings and in manufactures; labor finds its employment; the merchants are scattered in all directions and to great distances for trade; legitimate prices and profits only are expected, and the country and the cities are going ahead together and with a might. Men have faith in things, and signify it by their works. It don't occur to them to put on lugubrious looks and say that things "won't pay." They go right ahead and make things pay. When capital, energy and management are in combination there can be no doubt about results.

Portland and the whole northwest need this same spirit, and need it badly. Will they ever have it? Will there ever be here any of that sort of spirit that "does not doubt, does not fear the price of indecision, timidity, doubt, hesitating distrust? Whether a city or country is ever to amount to anything or not depends mainly on the quality of the men in it. "Can't make it successful." "It won't pay." "The country isn't ready for it." "It won't pay." The sayings for a country whose resources have the extent and variety of those of Oregon and Washington. The unprofitable servant of the parable is the representative of the principal part of our population, rich, middling and poor. Or how many are typified in the barren fig tree? The continuing need of our part of the country is financial and sheriff's sales.

After all, Oregon's climate is not good for all kinds of products. An untimely frost has nipped the greater part of that handsome crop of wheat which the Portland news has so much magnified during a long period. Instead of "salvaging" the dead, we must "clip" and "chop" from eastern, California, Oregon and Washington newspapers, as was its wont, to now run such mirth largely without dates. Yesterday it abounded with items introduced thus: "Baltimore special" (no date); "Washington special" (no date); "Eric special" (no date); "Davenport special" (no date); "Santa Fe special" (no date); "A sensational double suicide occurred in Gibson, Ill., not long since" etc. But for exposure of the facts hitherto practiced all this mirth would have appeared in the *News* as a special telegraphic report, with dates of July 12. Still, there are a number of items that wear a suspicious look on the whole our neighbor is making hopeful of the good work of his neighbors. We beg it to persevere. It shall have the kind wishes and friendly assistance of The Oregonian in all its to do a good a work. True, its columns look much thinner than they did, but that is better than to let them appear with the padding of false matter. On the whole we must begin to cultivate our esteemable friends of the *News*.

Professor Spencer F. Baird, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, has recently published a letter on the advisability of boiling water as a precaution against such diseases as cholera, cholera-morbus and diarrhea. In a cholera season this treatment is especially important, as water is largely the medium of introduction of the injurious influence into the system. He says his own practice has been to have enough water boiled in the morning to last through the day. This is placed in a large water-cooler, without ice, and drawn from when required to fill the ice containers. The water should boil actively for half an hour, in order to kill the germs of disease.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

POLITICAL EXPRESSION.
St. Louis Republicans (Dem.): It is probably the most natural and frank expression in the southern states, and the fact involves the whole interesting problem of the future of these states.

New York Tribune: Has it occurred to Mr. Hay that the "Garrison" is the name of the paper? It is not a mark of international courtesy to the king of Spain to add to his list of white elephants.

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